



Sustainability at the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen



Committed

Swimming lessons for village children are offered once a week in the hotel's pool.



Future-oriented

At the Radisson Blu Hotel, three women are currently completing their training – as chef, as restaurant manager and as hotel manager.



Climate neutral

The climate impact of all meetings and events that are held at the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen is offset.

At the four-star superior hotel in Andermatt, the focus is on cosiness, thanks to natural wood floors and finishes that employ local materials. The fact that sustainability is a top priority here is also evident from the responsible use of resources.

Climate and environmental protection



Building standard

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen buildings were constructed in accordance with the Swiss low-energy standard Minergie. They are extremely well insulated and feature systematic air exchange and filtering, which ensures good air quality.



Heating

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen is heated with district heating supplied by a wood-chip-fired power plant, meaning that the heat is 100% CO₂-neutral. The wood chips are sourced from the canton of Uri, as well as from a sawmill in Airolo (radius of less than 50 kilometres).



Power

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen gets all of its power from hydroelectric stations and wind turbines in the Gotthard region.



Biowaste

Green waste and material from grease traps are collected and sent to a facility that generates heat or power from them. Disposal is coordinated with The Chedi Hotel Andermatt. This reduces the number of trips and optimises loads.



Laundry

Bed linens and towels from the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen are laundered by Wäscherei Heinzmann AG. Heinzmann is one of Switzerland's largest and most environmentally friendly industrial laundry facilities. Some of the laundry is brought by rail to nearby Raron.



Electromobility

A charging station for electric bikes is located directly in front of the hotel. For electric cars, Andermatt Reuss Parking in the Radisson underground car park offers six charging stations with 22 KWh and six with 11 KWh.



Energy-efficient fresh air system

All rooms at the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen feature a fresh air system. Temperature is regulated through radiant flooring, eliminating the need for air conditioning.



Climate-neutral meetings

The Radisson Hotel Group automatically offsets the CO₂ footprint of each and every meeting held at a Radisson Hotel anywhere in the world – at no charge to customers. Offsetting takes place in partnership with First Climate, and all supported projects are certified by the Gold Standard or Verified Carbon Standard.



Waste management

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen separates its waste. PET, plastic, paper, cardboard, glass, aluminium, waste metal and sheet metal are recycled. Disposal is coordinated with The Chedi Hotel Andermatt, meaning fewer trips and optimal loads. Food waste is collected separately and does not end up in the rubbish bin.



Reduced use of plastic

Where possible, food is purchased locally and in reusable containers in order to keep packaging waste to a minimum. The use of plastic is being reduced – drinking straws, stirrers, etc. are made of recyclable materials.



Regional food products

The hotel's Restaurant Spun uses ingredients from the region whenever possible. The kitchen staff forages for Alpine herbs. Honey comes from a village beekeeper, meat from the village butcher shop Muheim, and coffee from Hochstrasser in Lucerne. In addition, the restaurant offers Uri beers and wines from neighbouring cantons.



Energy-efficient appliances

When electrical appliances are purchased, preference is given to those with low power consumption.

Society



Fair working conditions

Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen employees are hired through the L-GAV, the collectively bargained agreement for the Swiss hospitality industry. It guarantees fair pay, contemporary hiring terms in line with the market and social protection. All people enjoy equal rights at the Radisson Blu.



Employee benefits

The Radisson Hotel Group has its own training programme – the Radisson Academy. The Academy features a broad, diverse range of offers, from short online modules to multiyear mentee/mentor programmes.



Social commitment

Together with the WWF, the Radisson Blu Hotel supports the initiative Save the Polar Bear. This is intended to draw attention to the shrinking habitat of polar bears. Along the Reuss river, employees take part in plogging, which combines jogging with picking up litter.



Diversity and inclusion

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen promotes a non-discriminatory work environment. The hotel is also OutNow Certified for 2021, meaning that front office and service employees have been trained to receive LGBTI guests.



Local embedding

Where possible, maintenance work at the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen is performed by local companies in order to keep travel distances short and preserve value creation in the region.



Dining options for everyone

Attention is paid to food intolerances at Restaurant Spun in the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen. It also offers a broad range of vegetarian and vegan dishes.

Economy



Jobs and training positions

The Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen employs more than 100 people during high season and is a training operation for cooks and restaurant and hotel managers. It also offers internship and training positions in the areas of food and beverage, reception, front office, service, kitchen and communication.



Value creation in the region

By creating and preserving jobs, and by working together with partners, service providers and suppliers in the area, the Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen is making a sustainable contribution to local value creation.